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## **News**

## V62S - Satawal Atoll (OC-299) -update by Cezar VE3LYC November 9

'Regretfully, we didn't leave last evening as originally scheduled. Instead, the captain decided to postpone the departure for one day in order to give time to a low pressure front moving slowing towards the western islands of Chuuk, exactly in the direction we will be heading, to advance. It has been raining here for two full days, and he was concerned that the ocean will be a bit too too stormy. After sailing to Bouvet, it was difficult to accept his verdict, but... it's a different boat, different crew, different conditions all together, and ultimately he is in command. There are passengers and cargo that need to be dropped at 5 islands before he will head straight to Satawal. Arrival at each island must be done during daytime, in order to be able to download there everything needed. This is why the voyage will take quite a while. He told me that, to be on the safe side, I should count on arriving to Satawal on Nov 14. I told him that this is far too late for me and asked him to do some "miracle" to reach that island sooner. He promised that he will try his best to arrive by Nov 13, but your guess is just as good as mine.' https://www.dx-world.net/v62p-polap-atoll-oc-155-v62s-satawal-atoll-oc-299/

## VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL cancelled

'We have taken the very difficult decision to cancel our DXpedition to VK9X. We have had a reply this morning from YL2GM. The VK9XY location is only 200m from ours. YL2GM told us he secured his licence in January this year but 'it is his tactic' to only announce a DXpedition two weeks in advance.

We find this behaviour and his response, with no offer of apology or compromise, or even a recognition of our plans, disgusting. This is completely against the normal 'rules of the game' and lacking in 'Ham Spirit'. Announcing a DXpedition in advance is supposed to avoid this kind of problem. Licences are issued for a year, but a licence, in of itself, means little. The DXpedition only 'exists' when it is announced to the community. We have been totally open in announcing our trip well in advance and we cannot believe that YL2GM and EA5EL were unaware of our plans. To not inform us of theirs is incredibly selfish.'

## **V6EU Chuuk Island -update**

Dear DXers. Our DXpedition to V6 in December is in final preparation stage. License, equipment, antennas, etc. are all set. Callsign: V6EU.

Now the drawback: one participant fell seriously ill and had a surgery early this week. He cannot come with us and we are looking for a replacement participant!

Here is the relevant data:

departure from Frankfurt on Dec 2; return on Dec 17. radio operation 24×7; two stations in parallel, 5 hr shifts.

cost: flights ca. 2750€; accommodation/meals ca. 1500€.

availability of a lightweight TRX (110V) would be great (but not a precondition).

DXpedition and participants: see <a href="https://www.qrz.com/db/V6EU">https://www.qrz.com/db/V6EU</a>

## **TO9W St Martin -update**

We had our final team meeting before we depart for Saint Martin. All equipment was tested, all computers networked and tested and new antenna masts were inspected and packed. We are very excited to be returning to Saint Martin with the enhanced band conditions.

We will attempt to set up a 6m monitoring stations. Two of us will arrive late on November 25th and begin antenna assembly and limited participation in the CQWW CW contest. The other two ops arrive on November 28th.

If you have requests or comments, please send them to our pilot and QSL team at TO9W2023@gmail.com

## Ham radio in Cambodia

With the current <u>XU7GNY</u> activity falling into the <u>ambiguous category</u> here's some info from July this year following on from the June news we initially published:

Please be informed that the Radio Frequency License (issued by TRC) can't be issued to tourists for short visits. The license can only be issued to foreigners in the condition as follows:

- 1) Having long-term/permanent working visa in Cambodia.
- 2) They are living or working in Cambodia.
- 3) They have job/workplace ID in Cambodia.

4)



## T2C Tuvalu -update

As of November 2nd, all team members are back in Germany. Our QSL manager DL4SVA is still busy checking carefully all log related comments. A lot of people who are not listed in our online log – especially in FT8 – have contacted us to get a QSO confirmed. We are checking all requests against the MSHV ALL.TXT file. This is a very time intensive process. Thank you for your patience. DL4SVA also removed a significant amount of dupe FT8-QSOs within 3-minute time window. His decision is final. A corrected log will be uploaded to Club Log later today. Once the log correction is finished, all new sponsors will be listed on our homepage and they will immediately receive their LoTW confirmations. Early December, we should receive the printed QSL cards and will start mailing them out.

## **TJ9MD Cameroon -update**

TJ9MD continue to be very active on the bands. Note that due to unreliable internet connection, some QSOs may be missing. Since the complete logbook is uploaded once a day, it's best to wait at least 24 hours before writing to the QSL manager.

## **TX7L Marquesas Islands -update**

'We are getting many requests for how to QSL for TX7L. The OQRS will be open on Club Log immediately after the end of the operation, so as to avoid situations where people work them, request a card, work them again somewhere else, and send email saying please include that card with the initial request. OQRS does not allow this. Also, we are getting many questions about why isn't the DXpedition mode set for TX7L on Club Log. Michael (owner Club Log) has refused to set it up, so please address your complaints to him.'

## 4W8X Timor Leste -update

Many more antennas went up today. The team will give them a try after their sunset. Look out for 4W8X on various bands during the next hours.

Further antenna and station work resumes tomorrow early morning local time. Picture courtesy of the team.



## Clipperton Island TX5S -update

Clipperton is now #26 most wanted in Europe and remains #37 most wanted globally. FT8 and 60m have never been activated from Clipperton, the pileups will be deep and energetic. Our team is well balanced with experienced CW, SSB and digital DXpedition and contest operators, with an operating schedule that will keep them busy.

https://www.dx-world.net/tx5s-clipperton-island/



## **708AD and 708AE Yemen -update**

We will try 40m today. 12m is the band with most CW QSOs. I will focus on 40/160 and 80m the next few days if conditions are good. We are waiting for the tent to arrive before we can set up the low band camp. It should be completed tonight. It will be very basic with just a tent, table, radio, coax, antenna, and generator. The current plan is to QRV on 160m CW at around 19:00 UTC +/- at 1.825 kHz +/-. Ken and I discussed sunrise times for various locations. He asked me for the A & K Index predictions for the next three days. He told me he received a thunderstorm warning for the next few days and asked me to find out if there were any cyclones in the area. I got him all the information he requested. No cyclones coming. Eight days with possible thunderstorms. 73 de Steve N2AJ

## A25R Botswana -update

With well over 100K QSOs in the log, team leader Vasily R7AL took time out to send DX-WORLD some pictures.





# **DXCC**

# This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <a href="https://www.dx-world.net/">https://www.dx-world.net/</a> for updates.

**4S, SRI LANKA** Peter, DCOKK is again operating as 4S7KKG until March 30, 2024. Activity mostly using FT4/8 with some CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log, LoTW. **4W, TIMOR LESTE** A large team of 20+ operators is operating as 4W8X until November 26. Operation 24/7 on all bands using CW, SSB and digi. Also EME 144Mhz, 432Mhz and 1296 Mhz. An entry in the CQWW DX CW contest is included. 4W8X will have a 80m 4-Square (controller and cables sponsored by DXEngineering, many thanks). 160m will use a well-proven Titanex V160 Vertical with extensive Radials. Both antennas as close to the ocean as possible. For Receiving, we'll have two Beverages (~250m long) plus filtering/switching network to listen in four directions, independently on 160m and 80m: Europe (short path), North America (short path) **5H, TANZANIA** Maurizio, IK2GZU is back as 5H3MB until December 8. He will work as a volunteer at the Ikelu hospital. Operation during his spare time on HF using CW, SSB and digi.

QSL via home call bureau or direct, LoTW.

**70, YEMEN** Ken LA7GIA / 708AD and Shani HA5DDX / 708AE are QRV until November 16. This is a tent and generator DXpedition with limited facilities at Dhi Hamri. Operation with 2/3 stations with focus on CW and SSB. Two generators, one main and one spare. 2-3 stations on the air with focus on CW/SSB.

708AD Ken:  $1 \times CW + 1 \times FT8$  (SO2R light)

708AE Shani: 1 x SSB

It means 708AE is the SSB call and 708AD is the CW/FT8 call. All antenna support material will be constructed on the spot by material we can source locally. For that reason 40-10m will be installed first, then 160+80m.

Especially for 160/80m it means splicing wood poles and make a temporary support structure for the (toploaded) wire – so please be patient for low band. QSL via MOOXO.

**A2, BOTSWANA** The Russian DXpedition Team with Vasily R7AL, Leo RW9JZ, Wlodek SP6EQZ, Vasily RA1ZZ, Slav OK8AU, Victor UA3QLC and Nick R5EC is QRV as A25R until November 12. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, LoTW. <a href="https://www.rudxt.com/a25ru">https://www.rudxt.com/a25ru</a>

C6, BAHAMAS Jay, WA1JAY is operating as call/C6A until November 10 from Paradise Island. Activity from 40 to 10 meter on FM, SATS, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW or Club Log. CN, MOROCCO Stephan, DL1MOG is now back on air with his Moroccan callsign CN2MOG. In November he will be traveling again in the desert areas south of Morocco's Anti (Lesser) Atlas Mountains with his four-wheel expedition motorhome "UNIMOG!" He plans to operate on the 10–40m bands during the evenings. QSL via DL1MOG.



**E6, NIUE** Michael, DF8AN is operating as E6AJ until November 10. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW and digi in 'holiday-style'. OSL via home call.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Vasek, OK6RA is on a family holiday and is QRV as FG/call until November 27. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

**FO/M MARQUESAS ISL** A large team with F6BCW, F6EEQ, F6FMC, F6HBI, F5VHQ, F5JRX, F5LRL, F4ISZ and F1MNQ is active as TX7L from Hiva Oa Island until November 19. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8 and RTTY with 4 stations. QSL via F6EXV or Club Log OQRS.

**H4, SOLOMON ISL** The H44WA DXpedition to Guadalcanal (OC-047), Solomon Islands is confirmed to take place on 15-29 November. The team will arrive on 12 November, and there might be some limited activity on FT8 while they build their antenna farm. QSL via M0URX's OQRS (preferred), or direct to his mailing address. Bureau cards will not be provided, and there will be "no full log LoTW upload". <a href="https://www.h44wa.com/">https://www.h44wa.com/</a>

**PYOT, TRINDADE** Fabio PY1ZV, Stephano PT2IC and Breto PY6RT will be QRV as PR0T on November 16-19. The on-site team (PY1ZV, PT2IC and PY6RT) will operate SSB and CW from the main camp; the FT8 station, located 300-400m away, will be operated remotely by ten other amateurs. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. <a href="http://www.pr0t.com.br/home/">http://www.pr0t.com.br/home/</a>

**T8, PALAU** Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be QRV as T88PB during November 10-13. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. An entry in the JIDX contest is included. QSL via home call.

**TJ, CAMEROON** The MDXC DXpedition team is operating as TJ9MD until November 15. The 13 skilled operators of the expeditionary team IZ8CCW, IZ2GNQ, F6IRA, OK2WX, AG4W, DL8JJ, IZ4COW, IU3PMA, HB9DHG, HB9TOC, ON7RN, IK5BOH and IZ4UEZ will be QRV round the clock from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. EME will be tried also. More to follow.

**V4, ST KITTS** Ed, N2HX is active as V4/call until November 18. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**V5, NAMIBIA** Gunter DK2WH will be active as V51WH from November 16 until April 2024. QTH near Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 10 meter, 60 also included. During contests look for Gunter as V55Y.

V6, MICRONESIA A team with DL2AWG, DK2AMM, DL2AMD and DF4GV will be active from Chuuk Isl OC-011 as V6EU between November 15 and November 28. Activity from 160 to 10 meter with perhaps 60 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DL2AWG, Club Log, LoTW. VK9, CHRISTMAS ISL Yuris YL2GM and Eugene EA5EL will be active as VK9XY between November 14 and November 27. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Kevin, W1DED will be QRV as VP2V/call between November 12-18. QSL via LoTW and home call.

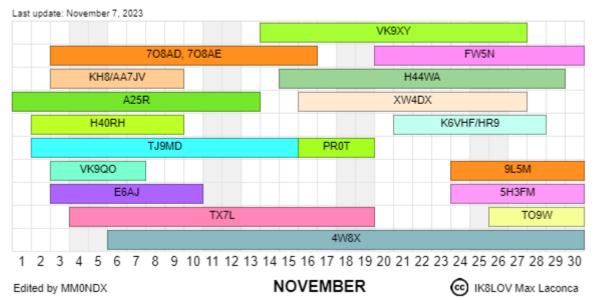
**XU, CAMBODIA** Tom, DL7BO is once again QRV as XU7GNY until November 26. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via DJ6TF, LoTW.

XW, LAOS A French team with F4BKV Vincent, F4HAU Diego, F2DX Patrick, F5PTM Pascal and F8AVK Julien will be operating as XW4DX. Activity between November 16 and November 27 with possible an entry in the CQWW CW contest. QRV on HF except 80 and 30 meter. Focus will be 160 and 40 meter. QSL via F4BKV, bureau or direct, Club Log, LoTW. <a href="https://xw4dx.f4bkv.net/">https://xw4dx.f4bkv.net/</a> ZF, CAYMAN ISL Stan, K5GO is once again operating as ZF9CW for 3.5 months. Operation mainly on CW an entries in various contests.

**ZL7, CHATHAM ISL** A team with JF1OCQ, JA1SVP and JE1SYN is active as ZL7A until November 22. Active from 160 to 6 meter + SAT IO-117 (430mHz). Equipment: 3 x transceivers, verticals and dipoles for HF. 4 element beam for 50mHz. Modes: SSB, CW, FT (F/H, MSHV), FM. QSL via JF1OCQ (direct).

# **DXCC timeline**





# **Coming up soon**

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISL** Kazu, M0CFW (JK3GAD) will once again be active as 3B9KW during the CQWW CW contest (November 25-26). Activity before/after contest (November 19 to December 1) as 3B9/M0CFW. QSL via LoTW.

**9L, SIERRA LEONE** Shabu, M0KRI will be operating as 9L5M from November 23 until December 6. Activity from 80 to 6 meter, Q0100 SAT using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via G3SVK, LoTW and Club Log.

**FJ, ST BARTHELEMY** Look for TOOT (KB9DVB, KB9DVC and KC9SNM) between November 22-29. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. Outside the contest the will operate as FJ/calls on HF using CW and SSB. OSL via KB9DVC.

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Jacky ZL3CW will be operating as FW2CW during November 20-30. It's a CW only operation with focus on the WARC bands. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via Club Log and LoTW.

OX, GREENLAND Look for the OX7A crew from Black Ridge, Kangerlussuaq between November 21 and November 28. Operation on HF using SSB, CW and digi. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included as OX7AM.

PJ4, BONAIRE PJ4/K4BAI, PJ4/KU8E, PJ4/N8VW and PJ4/K3MD will be active during November 21-28. An entry in the CQWW CW contest (Nov 25-26) as PJ4A is included. QSL: PJ4A, PJ4/K4BAI & PJ4/KU8E via K4BAI. Others via homecalls.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Gary, KC9EE will once again be QRV in 'holiday-style' between November 20-29 as PJ7EE. Activity on HF primarily on CW using a vertical antenna. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW. Gary updates to say that at PJ7EE 160m is doubtful. Also, when not contesting he'll be looking for JA, BY, YB, DU etc on FT8 mostly on 10-15 meters. 60 meters is not authorized on Sint Maarten so not QRV that band.

V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS Bob, WX4G will be active as V47RB between November 20 and December 1. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included as V48A. Operation outside the contest from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.





# **IOTA**

# This week on air

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JI3DST is QRV until December 19. He operates SSB and CW as JS6RRR, JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 and JR8YLY/6 as well as JI3DST/p, JJ5RBH/p and JR8YLY/p on FT8. QSL via Club Log and LoTW.

## **NORTH AMERICA**

NA-008 Ellesmere Isl Pierre, VK3KTB and Alexey VE1RUS is active again as VY0ERC from the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station until November 22. QSL via M00XO OQRS.

## **OCEANIA**

OC-042 Luzon Isl Mike, W6QT is active as DU3/call until end January 2024. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and digi.

OC-195 Deal Isl Through his work, John VK1POR is now active from Deal island (Furneaux Islands) OC-195 until December 1. He uses an IC-7300 and prefers digimodes. QSL via LoTW. OC-299 Satawal Atoll Cezar, VE3LYC is active as V62S from Satawal Atoll (OC-299) on November 9-16. Johan, PA3EXX is the pilot station: Cezar will be unable to check his personal email account, so "those who wish to make a report or inform me of various issues" should send their messages to willemsen[@]multiweb.nl. Donations to help offset the costs of this complex and expensive project are gratefully accepted: https://v6iota.weebly.com/

# Coming up soon

## **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Max, N5NHJ will be active as HQ9CW from Sandy Bay between November 22-29. This is a CW only operation from 20 to 6 meter using a vertical with 100 watts. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via home call and LoTW.

# **ANTARCTIC BASES**

**Davis Base** From December 2023 to November 2024, David VK2JDS will occasionally be active from Davis Station, Antarctica using the callsign VK0DS. He hopes to be QRV on HF bands and will also try 2m EME using a single 12el yagi and 100 watts from an IC9700 using JT65A or Q65A-60 (or similar). He mentions that nothing is certain, and weather conditions and station duties will have precedent. David hopes to have LoTW up and running from Davis Station – updates to follow.

**Vernadsky Research Base** Serhiy, UW5EHR is now active as **EM1U** from Vernadsky Research Base, Antarctica. Briefly he was QRV as **VP8/UW5EHR**, but now uses the correct callsign.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS Announced DX

## THE NEWCOMERS

**3B8, MAURITIUS** Look for 3B8M once again during the CQWW CW contest. Team in 2023 will include G0CKV (3B8HA), KX7M, M0SDV, K0AV, WD6T, G3XTT and 403A.

**8R, GUYANA** A team of 6 will be active within upcoming CQWW CW 2023 from the north shore of Corsica. The short contest callsign will be announced shortly. Operators will be DJ2MX, DJ4MX, DK2CX, DK6SP, F5SNJ and HA8RT. The team will enter M/2 category and is looking forward to your calls.

The main purpose shall be to conduct a final test of equipment for the upcoming DXpedition to <a href="Mainto:8R">8R</a> - Guyana 2024.

**J8, ST VINCENT** Kevin, W1DED will once again be active as J8NKI between March 25 and April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW. Below is a picture from a previous operation.



**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take JG8NQJ/JD1 will again be active from Minami Torishima starting mid-January 2024 and lasting for 3 months. QRV mainly on CW and some FT8 (spare time). QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Look for members of the Kansai Okinawa Ham Club to be active from Ogasawara as JD1YCE between December 8-19. QRV on various bands, various modes. QSL via JA3AVO; LoTW, OQRS.

**PZ, SURINAME** Nobu, JA0JHQ will be operating as PZ5NH between December 7 and December 14. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

**VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISL** Yuris, YL2GM and Eugene, EA5EL will be on the air from Cocos (Keeling) island as VK9CY from November 29 to December 7, 2023. QRV on 160-10m; CW, SSB, FT8.

## THE REMINDERS

**3B8, MAURITIUS** David, OK6DJ will be operating as 3B8/call between February 20 and February 27, 2024. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and FT8 using a vertical and dipole antenna. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISL** Ivan, IK3ZAQ and Luca IV3JVJ will be QRV as 3B9AT between December 7 and January 6, 2024. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via IV3JVJ, LoTW.

**3W, VIETNAM** Alex, KU1CW will be active as 3W9A during the CQWW CW contest (Nov 25-26). QRV near Pleiku. QSL via home call.

**5H, TANZANIA** Ferdy, HB9DSP will once again be operating as 5H3FM from Zanzibar between November 24 and December 5. QRV on HF using SSB, FM and FT8. QSL via home call and LoTW. **5N, NIGERIA** The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition. They have requested the callsign 5N5N. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8. Dates will be announced soon.

**5X, UGANDA** Thomas, DL7BO will be active as 5X7O from Kampala. Dates not yet known. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DJ6TF. More to follow.



**7P, LESOTHO** The EIDXG team will after the success of 9N7EI, 7Q7EI, 5V7EI and V26EI now be operating as 7P8EI in early 2024. A team of 15 will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via M00XO. More to follow.

**8R, GUYANA** "Four young ambitious DXers ranging in age from 20 to 25 years old" (namely Sven DJ4MX, Philipp DK6SP, Tomi HA8RT and Jamie M0SDV) will be active from Guyana during February 14-24, 2024 (callsign TBA). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY. QSL via M00XO's OQRS and LoTW. The Northern California DX Foundation will provide \$5,000 in financial support for the expedition, as they "want to encourage the next generation of DXpeditioners". NCDXF wants also "to let any planned DXpedition know that, if they request funding from NCDXF and we provide a grant, we will also underwrite the costs of a younger (ages 20-35) person/s on the trip". <a href="https://8r-2024.com/">https://8r-2024.com/</a>

**9U, BURUNDI** Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

CEOZ, JUAN FERNANDEZ A team with Nick XQ1KZ, Pablo CE1KV, Willy XQ3SA, Willy XQ3SK, Mike AB5EB, Ez HI3R, Otis NP4G, Mike AD5A, Zoli HA1AG, Trey N5KO and Marco CE1EW (Team

Leader) will be operating as CB0ZA during February 13-20, 2024. Plans are to be QRV from the Juan Fernandez National Park CA-0022 from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB, digi and EME (6 and 2 meter). QSL via HA1AG. http://cb0za.com/

CY9, ST PAUL ISL The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9, in July/August 2024. Access to St Paul Island is only available in the two months of July and August. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024. FH, MAYOTTE Marek, FH4VVK will be operating as TO4VV during March 29-31, April 5-7, April 12-14 and April 20-21, 2024. Operation using SSB and FT8. QSL direct, LoTW or Club Log.

**FOO, AUSTRAL ISL** Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX5G between March 25 and April 3, 2024. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.

https://australvacation.amebaownd.com/

- FOO, CLIPPERTON ISL The Perseverance DX Group is planning a major DXpedition to Clipperton Island during January 18 and February 2, 2024. Plan is to be QRV as TX5S between 160 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. It has been 11 years since the last activation. Team members include: Jacky ZL3CW, Dave K3EL, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Glenn KE4KY, Chris N6WM, Arliss W7XU, Philippe FO4BM, Dave WD5COV and Andreas N6NU. Joining the team will be a scientist from the University of French Polynesia who will conduct studies while on the island. <a href="https://clip.pdxg.net/">https://clip.pdxg.net/</a>
- **FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Once again, FP/KV1J will be operating between July 2 and July 16, 2024. An entry in the IARU contest is included. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call or LoTW.
- **FS, ST MARTIN** Philip, K0CD will be QRV s FS/call during the CQWW CW contest. Perhaps he might be active a few days before and after the contest. QSL via home call.
- **FT/G GLORIOSO ISL** Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands as FT4GL in the near future. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. A website is under construction.
- FT/X, KERGUELEN It's apparently no secret that Thierry F6CUK of FT8WW fame plans (emphasis on plans) to go with a second operator to the Kerguelen Islands in late 2024. Wait and see for more..
- **FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19,the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed sometime in 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <a href="http://www.to5t.com/">http://www.to5t.com/</a>
- **FS, ST MARTIN** The next TO9W will take place from November 26 until December 8. The 2023 team includes K9NU, N9EP, FS4WBS, W9AP and K9EL. Operation on all bands and all modes with focus on low bands and CW. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. Real-time upload via Club Log, LoTW or via W9ILY direct. <a href="https://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm">https://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm</a>
- H40, TEMOTU The Intrepid DX Group has released their next Dxpedition to Temotu Province as H40WA between February 22 and March 7, 2024. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. Temotu 2023 Dxpedition Intrepid DX Group (intrepid-dx.com)
- **HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, F2JD will be operating as HR5/call between November 25 and March 21, 2024. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau.
- **J3, GRENADA** A team of Belgian low band DXers with Franky ON7RU, Marc ON4MA, Marc ON6CC, Pascal ONRA, Patrick ON4HIL and Karel ON5TN will be QRV during March 4-16, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter. More to follow.
- J7, DOMINICA Laurent, FM5BH will once again be QRV as J79BH between January 17 and January 24. Activity from 160 to 40 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log. At the same time, David F8AAN will be joining Laurent as J79AN. QSL via Club Log. J8, ST VINCENT Gert, PA2LO will once again be QRV as J8TT between December 26 and January 5. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.
- **P4, ARUBA** Mat, DL4MM will be QRV as P4/call and as P40AA during the CQ160 CW contest between January 19 and January 31, 2024. Operation besides the contest from 160 to 10 meter using CW, FT4/8, SSB. QSL via Club Log or home call.
- **PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA between March 2 and March 10, 2024. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

### On the scene...TJ9MD Cameroon



**S7, SEYCHELLES** A team with G3WPH, G4IRN, G4PVM and GD4XUM will be active S79K during the CQWW DX CW contest (November 25-26). Outside contest active as S79/homecalls. **T8, PALAU** A JA team with JH6WDG (as T88AQ), JA6KYU (as T88HS), JR6DRH (as T88RH) and JA6EGL (as T88SM) will be active from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau during January 12-18, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via operators instructions. **TY, BENIN** Gerard F5NVF, Abdel 7X2TT and Luc F5RAV will be active as TY5C from Cotonou during March 2024. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. They are looking for support for the local radio club TY0HQ.

**V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS** Jeff, K1ZN (author of Nifty E-Z Guide to Adventures in DXing) will be active as V4/call during February 25 and March 4. Operation on various bands. QSL via home call.

**VP2M, MONTSERRAT** Thaire, W2APF will once again be active as VP2MDX between January 11 and April 11, 2024. Operation on HF using BuddiPole portable Hexbeam, Doublet for 30M, Endfed for 40M. QSL via home call,LoTW.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** A team with K2KW, KD4D, AG9A and W9RE will be QRV as VP2VMM from Anegada between December 4 and December 12. An entry in the ARRL 10m contest is included. Outside the contest they will sign as VP2V/calls. QSL for VP2VMM via KU9C and LoTW.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

**VP9, BERMUDA** Darrell, AB2E will once again be QRV as call/VP9 between February 14-19, 2024. Operation primarily in the ARRL DX CW contest. Before and after that from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

YJ, VANUATU A team with N4VGE as team leader will be active for 2 weeks in October 2024. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digi with an entry in the ARRL 10m contest on December 14-15. YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low

bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO

**ZC4, CYPRUS SBA** Dates still to be firmed up, however Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW next March or April. Martin's main mode of operation is CW. QSL via home call.

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Chris HB9FIY will once again be active as ZD7CA for a few weeks in December 2023 / January 2024. He asks what are the most wanted bands /modes from ZD7. QSL via EA5GL.

On the scene...708AD and 708AE



# <u>IOTA</u>

## **NORTH AMERICA**

NA-028 St Paul Isl A Russian Robinson DXpedition will take place as KL7RRCC between December 7 and December 15. The team with Tim NL8F, Alex KL5CX and Yuri N3QQ will be QRV from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log and LoTW.

# THE REMINDERS ASIA

**AS-107 Samet Isl** E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

## **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Alex, K6VHF will once again be active as call/HR9 between November 21-28. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW.

# **Special calls**

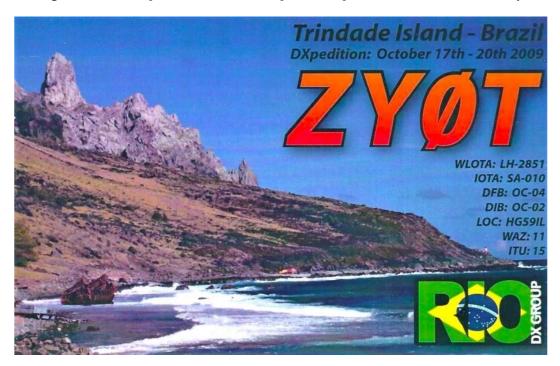
## THE NEWCOMERS

**A4, OMAN A43ND** marks the 53rd Omani National Day <u>during November</u>. QSL via EC6DX, LoTW, eQSL, qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

**A9, BAHRAIN** Members of the Bahrain Radio Amateur Society (BARS) join the Omani celebration with the callsign **A910MA** between Nov. 12 and 18. QSL via EC6DX, LoTW. (TNX DXNL) **EI, IRELAND** Special event callsign **EI80MB** will be active from 1 November to 31 May 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary since 168 German seamen were miraculously rescued from the waters of the Bay of Biscay after a battle between British and German naval forces (29 December 1943). QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via EI6AL. (TNX 425DX)

**HB9, SWITZERLAND HB8DELOY** is the special callsign for members of the Swiss Air Force Museum's Radio Club (HB4FR) to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first transatlantic amateur two-way contact between Leon Deloy, F8AB and Fred Schnell, 1MO (28 November 1923). Look for activity <u>from 1 November to 31 December</u>. QSL via HB9ACA (bureau preferred). (TNX 425DX)

**HK, COLOMBIA** Celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Liga Colombiana de Radio- aficionados, eleven special callsigns will be in use on 18-19 November: **5K0LR, 5K1LR, 5K2LR, 5K3LR, 5K4LR, 5K5LR, 5K6LR, 5K7LR, 5K8LR, 5K9LR** and **5J3L** (YL operators). Look for activity on 40-10 metres CW, SSB, FT8. The event is organized by Liga Radio Bogota. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, qrz.com, Club Log, or via HK3LRB. A number of certificates will be available. (TNX 425DX) **PA, THE NETHERLANDS PF23MAX** celebrates Max Verstappen's Formula 1 World Championship 2023 title <u>during November</u>. QRV on HF and via QO-100. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)



**PY, BRAZIL** Brazilian radio amateurs are celebrating Brazil's Amateur Radio Day <u>until Nov. 11</u> with the callsign **ZZ2RB** on CW, SSB, FT8, and via satellite. An award is also available. QSL only via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**SP, POLAND SN15AXI** honours the memory of Janek Bonikowski, SP3AXI, a scout leader and amateur radio elmer, who died in 2008. QRV <u>until the end of January 2024</u>. QSL via bureau or eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

**SP, POLAND** The Bydgoszcz Amateur Radio Club (SP2PBY) will be active as **SN3BUW, SN3IW, SN6ESH** and **SN6IU** on 6-19 November to honour the memory of Henryk Kruszynski SP2BUW (1957-2020), Ryszard Czerwinski SP2IW (1932-2018), Boleslaw Krzymin SP2ESH (1936-2016) and Zbigniew Gorgolewski SP2IU (1933-2017). QSLs via SP2PBY. A certificate will be available: <a href="http://www.sp2pby.pl/">http://www.sp2pby.pl/</a>. (TNX 425DX)

**VU, INDIA AU2JCB** is a special event call-sign to commemorate the birth date (30 NOV) & to pay homage &to tell about the great INDIAN scientist Acharya JAGADISH CHANDRA BOSE who is recognized as the "Father of Wireless Communication" by the scientific community of our world &IEEE. Operation <u>between November 23 and December 11</u>. Preferably the operation will be on higher bands according to propagation conditions. QSL--- Direct to VU2DSI, "SURABHI" MEHERABAD. AHMEDNAGAR.414006. INDIA.

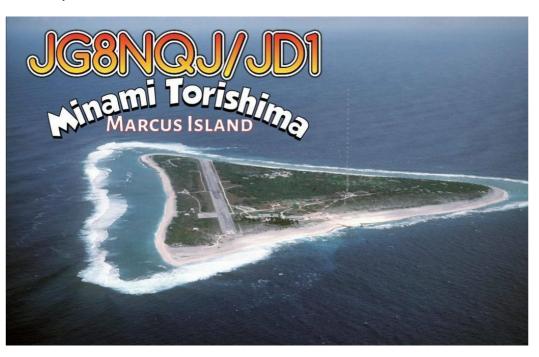
## THE REMINDERS

**9A, CROATIA 9A66AA** is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** The DARC club V22 runs the special event station **DM775NB** (special DOK NB775) to mark the 775th anniversary of the city Neubrandenburg in 2023. QSL via bureau or direct to DM6RAC. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** DARC Team SES will be active as **DL110RG** from 1 September to 31 December for the 100th anniversary of the German Life Saving Association (Deutsche Lebens-Rettungs-Gesellschaft, the largest voluntary water rescue organization in the world), and as DL75BRD from 1 September to 30 June 2024 for the 75th anniversary since the Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany (Grundgesetz fuer die Bundesrepublik Deutschland) came into effect (23 May 1949). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use <u>during 2023</u>. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX) **EI, IRELAND** <u>Between 1 September and 31 August 2024 **EI4FOTA** will be active from all around Ireland - including SOTA and POTA locations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, lighthouses and IOTA islands. Apparently the first operation will be on 17-24 September from the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). (TNX 425DX)</u>



**F, FRANCE** The Radio Club de Wingles (F4KLR) will be active as **TM125ED** <u>between 4 November and 31 December</u>. The special callsign commemorates the 125th anniversary since radio pioneer Eugene Ducretet gave a public demonstration of wireless communication between the Eiffel Tower and the Pantheon 4 km away (5 November 1898). All CW and SSB QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and eQSL, FT8 QSOs will be confirmed via eQSL only; direct cards via F4KLR. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Once again the Radio Club de Nice will be active as **TM8AB** to commemorate the anniversary of the first transatlantic amateur two-way contact between Leon Deloy, F8AB and Fred Schnell, 1MO (28 November 1923). Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB, CW, FT8 and SSTV during the weekends between 28 October and 10 December. QSL via F4KJQ. (TNX 425DX) **I, ITALY** The ARI section Fidenza (www.arifidenza.it) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

<u>November</u>: **II4CLT**; COLTANO (PI): inauguration of the first Italian intercontinental radiotelegraphic station (1911)

<u>December</u>: **II4CDV**; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931) For QSL information see qrz.com. An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available.(TNX DXNL)

LA, NORWAY LA100K is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use <u>during 2023</u>. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX) LX, LUXEMBOURG LX90RTL is a special callsign celebrating the 90th anniversary since Radio Luxembourg made its first long wave broadcast. It will be used by various LX operators from 1

July <u>until the end of the year</u>. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and digital modes, as well as via satellite. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL on a regular basis. (TNX 425DX)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns <u>during 2023</u> to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ600PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at <a href="https://www.lz1kcp.com/">https://www.lz1kcp.com/</a>. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA OE40XTU** is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary <u>during 2023</u>. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)

On the scene...TX7L Marquesas Islands



**ON, BELGIUM** The ONZ Oostkust Radioclub (ON6HC) will be active on all bands and modes as **OR79CLM** between 13 October and 12 November, with main operations taking place on 3-5 November. The special callsign's suffix stands for Canadian Liberation March, the annual event that celebrates the liberation of the Belgian town of Knokke on 1 November 1944. QSL via the bureau. A certificate will be available. (TNX 425DX)

**ON, BELGIUM OQ95RCL** is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary <a href="mailto:throughout 2023">throughout 2023</a>. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. Free award is available see <a href="https://hamlog.online/club/rcl/713">https://hamlog.online/club/rcl/713</a> (TNX 425DX)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Dutch members of the European DX Foundation will operate special callsigns **PA37EUDXF, PB37EUDXF, PC37EUDXF, PD37EUDXF, PE37EUDXF, PF37EUDXF, PG37EUDXF, PH37EUDXF** and **PI37EUDXF** between 1 and 30 November to celebrate the EUDXF's 37th anniversary. QSL PH37EUDXF via PA2TMS; QSL other callsigns via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via PA1AW. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign PA85TP <u>during 2023</u> and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call PA30SPARC. An award for QSOs with these callsns and PI9TP is also available from the Manager Edwin, PE5ENJ (<u>pd5enj@msn.com</u>). (TNX DXNL) SM, SWEDEN 8S80AA is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary <u>throughout 2023</u>. More information can be found on https://www.sk5aa.se/. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG. (TNX 425DX)

**TA, TURKEY** Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns **TC100, TC100TA**, **TC100TR** and **TC100YEAR** throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA VK100ZL celebrates the first trans-Tasmanian radio contact between New Zealand and Australia in 1923. QRV <u>until the end of 2023</u>.

**VK, AUSTRALIA VI100MB** is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity until <u>25 February 2024</u>. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** "Amateur Radio", the official journal of the Wireless Institute of Australia, will reach 90 years of continuous publication in October. To mark this milestone, the WIA has obtained

the special event call sign **VK90AR** for use <u>until 31 December</u> by any member of the WIA as well as any affiliated club. QSL via LoTW and M00XO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA VI75G** is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** Tom, VK2WN (SP7WT) will be active as **AX37EUDXF** between 15 October and 30 November to celebrate the 37th anniversary of the European DX Foundation. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, Club Log's OQRS. He does not use the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA VI10VKFF** is the special callsign celebrating the 10th anniversary of the World Wide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) programme in Australia (https://www.wwffaustralia.com/). It will be used from Australian Parks <u>until end 2023</u>. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via VK5PAS (direct or bureau). (TNX 425DX)

**VU, INDIA** Look for **AT30IIH** to be active <u>until 31 December</u> to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Indian Institute of Hams, whose focus is to train and bring young people into the amateur radio community (https://www.indianhams.com/). QSL via the bureau or direct, or via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**XE, MEXICO 6E0G** is a special event callsign that puts Ghost Towns on the Air <u>until Dec. 17</u>. QSL via XE1EE, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**YU, SERBIA** The Serbian Amateur Radio Union in the Vojvodina celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign **YU75SRV** throughout 2023. QSL via Club Log, eQSL, qrz.com.

**ZL, NEW ZEALAND** Active from 1 October to 31 May 2024, **ZL6WG** is a special event callsign promoting the 98th NZART annual conference that will be held in Christchurch on 1-2 June next year. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX) https://hamradio.co.nz/award/

